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EE-1 COMMENTS

RE: Current Albanian Resistance Activities, I.M. dated 16 June 1951

1. Page 1, Sentence 1. This branch believes the choice of the word "support" is poor, and takes the position that the last phrase "including Italy, Greece, United Kingdom and the U.S." should be eliminated since it is felt it is not in the best interests of the U.S. to reveal its position on this matter or to identify the non-communist powers supporting resistance activity.

2. Page 1, Paragraph 2. Considerable distortion of fact is evident throughout this paragraph and a recasting of existing known facts is required. This branch believes that resistance activity in Albania has actually decreased since the Tirana bomb episode. Unquestionably, a state of continued unrest exists marked by several notable incidents, but the security-tightening measures have in all probability reduced the extent of anti-Hoxha activity.

3. Page 2. This entire page is objected to as a distortion of fact. The material on this page should be carefully compared with later information available on this subject in OSO reports which have debunked the importance of these organizations and has proved one of them to be a "paper" resistance group and the other to be thoroughly penetrated by the Albanian Communist government, only tolerated in order to trap Albanians who join the resistance organization.

4. Page 3. This discussion of the activities of the NCFA is unacceptable to this office since it combines considerable distortion of fact regarding the activities of the NCFA together with information which is objected to on the basis that it is not in the best interests of the U.S. to reveal it. The last sentence on page 3 should be eliminated as it is felt that the internal problems of the NCFA should not be discussed in this paper. As pointed out in the first paragraph of these comments, it is undesirable to reveal specifically which Western powers are supporting the National Committee for Free Albania. In addition, infiltration of agents to date have not been accompanied by air drops of supplies and arms to support resistance activities. The mission of the infiltrators is that of locating and assisting the existing resistance potential in Albania. Further, the information regarding the recruitment and training of 200 agents in Munich, Germany, should be eliminated on the basis that this information is of an operational nature.

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Cancelled 5. Page 4, Paragraph 1. A distortion of fact exists regarding the nature
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of the activities of the HKI. The activities of this organization to date extend only to intelligence-procuring infiltration missions on behalf of the Italians.

6. Page 3, last complete sentence. This information is of Top Secret nature and should only be released with the express permission of the office (OSO) originating the report. As this branch considers this information of a covert operational nature, it recommends against its inclusion in this report.

7. Recommendation: It is suggested by this branch that the paper under consideration be carefully reviewed in the light of our comments, since it is found unacceptable in its present form, and it is urged that the paper be rewritten to incorporate the suggestions set forth above, insofar as possible.

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